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This is UNEVALUATED Information

CB - converted boxcar, B - boxcar, F - flatcar, SSy - heavy-duty flatcar,  
RRym - heavy-duty flatcar.

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1.                      troop trains in the Halle railroad district                       
                     between 5 and 28 April 1954:

Date in April	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
5	2 B, 2 F, 15 RRym	Wittenberg	Jueterbog
20	1 B, 9 RRym	"	"
26	17 B, 5 F, 12 RRym	"	"
	9 B, 7 F, 8 RRym	"	"
	9 B, 4 F, 10 RRym	"	"
27	2 B, 24 F	"	Forst Zinna
	20 B, 19 F, 14 RRym	"	"
	11 B, 5 F, 11 RRym	"	Jueterbog
28	12 B, 3 F, 15 RRym	"	"
	13 B, 23 F	"	Forst Zinna
	10 B, 6 F, 14 RRym	"	Jueterbog
	9 B, 5 F, 16 RRym	"	"
	5 B, 4 F, 12 RRym	"	"
	10 B, 6 F, 10 RRym	"	"
	13 B, 12 F, 11 RRym	"	"
	13 B, 24 F	"	"
	2 B, 28 F	"	Forst Zinna
	6 B, 31 F	"	"
	10 B, 20 F	"	"
	22 B, 4 F	"	"
	12 B, 21 F, 3 RRym	"	"
4	2 B, 3 F, 2 RRym	Taucha	Schwepnitz
7	1 B, 2 RRym	"	"
20	3 B, 2 RRym	"	"

2. Troop trains in the Cottbus railroad district                      between 2 and 27 April 1954, included:

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Date in April	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To	
2	1 B, 2 F	Weisswasser	Cottbus	3
	3 SSy	"	"	3
4	1 B, 3 RRym	"	"	3
1	6 B, 12 F	Peitz	Luebben	3
9	1 B, 6 F	"	Jueterbog	4
27	1 B, 3 RRym	"	Haldensleben	4

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3. [redacted] troop trains carried air force units from Brand to Klaus, from Finsterwalde to Brandis, and from Dresden-Neustadt to Neubukow between 6 and 14 May.<sup>5</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains on 5 and 20 April 1954 still belonged to the movement of components of the 6th Gds Tank Div to the Jueterbog area for combat firing practice.

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[redacted] The actual transfer of the division to Werder-Markersdorf lasted from 26 to 28 April 1954. The movement totaled 19 troop trains.

[redacted] Observations at Wittenberg indicated that contingents of the 6th Gds Tank Div also went to the summer camp by road.

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2. [redacted] Comment. These troop trains probably carried individual tanks repaired at the tank repair shop in the Kaserne Leipzig-Heiterblick (8242), and escort personnel to Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds.

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3. [redacted] Comment. In early March 1954, small contingents of the 9th Mech Div from Cottbus had conducted short-term field exercises, probably combat firing practice, at Weisswasser troop training grounds. Since the spring of 1953, the troop training grounds belongs to the KVP. The troop train from Peitz to Luebben on 1 April 1954 probably carried a tank unit of the 91st Tank Regt of the 9th Mech Div which returned to its home station after termination of firing practice at Forst Tauer troop training grounds.

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] On 27 April 1954, probably a tank detail of the 9th Mech Div moved to Haldensleben for a several-day firing practice with live ammunition at the Salchau practice range on Letzing Heath.

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5. [redacted] Comment. On 8 May 1954, the troop train [redacted] probably carrying contingents of the 4th Gds AAA Div to Wustrow for firing practice with live ammunition, went from Dresden to Neubukow; the transfer of an air force unit to Wustrow is given no credence. Other records, however, previously indicated movements of air force units from Finsterwalde to Werneuchen on the troop train [redacted] and from Klaus near Altenburg to Wustermark on the troop train [redacted] on 11 May 1954.

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